

Three easy steps for an at-home experience!



BIG IDEA: JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE

Jesus was tested in the desert. Would he trust God and do things God's way or not? Jesus knew that God is good and that God loved him. That means that God's way would always be the right way, even if it didn't seem to make sense. Jesus knew that no matter what, he could always trust God and follow him. Wow! Well, what about us? Will we trust God and do things God's way too? Jesus said he will help us.



STEP ONE: READ THE BIBLE STORY

Matthew 4:1-11 in the NIV Bible.
Our story is not found in the Read With Me Bible.

STEP TWO: WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO

Available at youtube.com/eastviewkids
Road Trip - Week 3



STEP THREE: CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY

FOR YOUNGER KIDS: Listen to the Instructions

Materials: Paper, markers

Give each family member a piece of paper and a writing utensil. Tell them that you are going to give them special instructions that they need to listen to and follow very carefully. Give them these directions, one at a time:

1. Draw a small circle in the center of your paper.
2. Below that circle, leaving a little space, draw two other small circles one on each side of the first circle (but still below it!).
3. Next, above all three of those circles, draw a curve that looks like the shape of a rainbow.
4. Finally, draw a circle around all of these things.
5. Now, turn your paper over and tell me what you see!! A smiley face!!

Talk about it: What would have happened if you hadn't listened carefully and followed my directions? Your pictures wouldn't have turned out at all! You had to listen to me and follow my example. The Big Idea today is Jesus is Our Example. He teaches us how to live and make good decisions. He helps us do things the way God wants. He teaches us how to get the job done right. Just like with these pictures!



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FOR OLDER KIDS: Risk It All

Materials: Skittles, M&M's or some other small candies; one die

We are tempted when we know the right thing to do, but we don't necessarily want to do it. We think our way would be better than God's way. Sometimes we even see how close we can get to doing the wrong thing without actually doing it. We get too close to the edge of the cliff!

We are going to play a game in which you may feel a bit tempted. In fact, you may be tempted to push things too far and lose it all!

Give the die to the first family member. If they roll an even number, place one Skittle on a plate in the middle of the table. They now have a choice: they can take that one Skittle and be done with their turn, OR they can roll again.

If they roll an even number, add one more Skittle to the pile. BUT if they roll an odd number, their turn is over and they don't get any of the Skittles. They can continue until they decide to stop or until they roll an odd number.

Once their turn is finished, the die is passed to the second person. Continue until everyone has had a chance, or play several rounds.

Finish up by talking about how it was very tempting to want to keep rolling to get more and more Skittles. It might have been hard to resist that temptation. Remember that when we feel tempted in real life, we can pray and ask for God to help us in that situation. Because giving into the temptation can ultimately lead to destruction!



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